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SUBJECT: AMB. TEKOAH EXPLAINS ISRAELI ATTITUDE

REFS: USUN 1079 (NOTAL) & USUN 1097

1. ISRAELI AMB. TEKOAH CALLED ON AMB. SCALI APRIL 8 TO EXPLAIN ISRAELIS REASONS FOR OPPOSING SHORTENING UNEF DURATION TO THREE MONTHS. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED UNEF TO BE "AN INTEGRAL PART" OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, TO BE MAINTAINED WHILE THAT AGREEMENT REMAINED IN FORCE. A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION WOULD, MOREOVER, CREATE TENSION; GOI BELIEVED RENEWAL SHOULD BE FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

2. TEKOAH CONTINUED THAT IT WAS SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH ESTABLISHED UNEF AND WHICH HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECIDING ON ITS DURATION. NOTHING IN COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS IMPLIED THAT EITHER PARTY COULD UNILATERALLY CURTAIL DURATION OF FORCE. TEKOAH SAID ISRAEL HOPED SC WOULD TAKE A POSITION ON THIS POINT OF PRINCIPLE AND NOT ACCEPT EGYPT'S DEMAND. HE ASKED FOR US SUPPORT.

3. TEKOAH WENT ON TO DISCUSS OTHER ASPECTS OF UNEF RENEWAL

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RESOLUTION. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO BRIEF PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION

ALONG LINES OF UNDOF RENEWAL (SC RES. 363), EXCEPT THAT HE BELIEVED ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO UNEF'S ESTABLISHMENT AND EXTENSION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO IN PRE-AMBULAR PARAGRAPH. HE SAID SC PRESIDENT HAD INFORMED HIM EGYPT DESIRED SELECTIVE REFERENCES -- INCLUDING ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO CEASEFIRE AND MANDATE OF FORCE (338, 340 AND 341) BUT OMITTING THOSE EXTENDING FORCE (346 AND 362). TEKOAH SAID MAKING SELECTIVE REFERENCES OF THIS SORT WAS NOT ONLY UNPRECEDENTED, BUT WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW THAT DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND FORCE WAS UNRELATED -- WHEN THIS WAS CLEARLY NOT THE CASE. TEKOAH ASKED US TO INTERVENE WITH SC PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS TO SEE TO IT THAT REFERENCE WAS MADE TO (BEGIN UNDERLINE) ALL (END UNDERLINE) RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO HISTORY OF UNEF.

4. FINALLY, TEKOAH SAID HE FELT IT IMPORTANT SYG RECOMMENDED SIX MONTH EXTENSION IN HIS REPORT ON UNEF, OR AT LEAST INDICATE A PREFERENCE FOR AS LONG A PERIOD AS POSSIBLE. HE ASKED AMB SCALI TO PROPOSE THIS TO WALDHEIM.

5. AMB SCALI REPLIED THAT HE WOULD REPORT TEKOAH'S DESCRIPTION OF ISRAELI POSITIONS AND REQUESTS FOR US SUPPORT, BUT WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON ALL POINTS.

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